

Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended) A key pounder, comprising:
a grip disposed about
a shaft which extends between a strap end and a bumper end;
a slide strap coupled to the strap end;
a stationary strap coupled to the strap end;
a means for adjustable attachment between the stationary strap and the slide strap; and
a resilient non-slip bumper coupled to the bumper end.
2. (canceled)
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4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~2~~ 1, further including an attachment bolt adapted to threadably attach to the strap end and retain the slide strap to the shaft.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a connecting strap adapted to removably couple the slide strap to the grip.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 5, further including a slide strap loop fastener attached to the slide strap adapted to couple the connecting strap to a desired location along the slide strap.
7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bumper has an outer diameter greater than or equal to the bumper end of the shaft.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the bumper has a diameter of 17 millimeters or less.
9. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the bumper has a diameter of 15 millimeters or less.
10. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the bumper has a diameter of 13 millimeters or less.
11. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the bumper has a diameter of 11 millimeters or less.
12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the shaft is one of metal, metal alloy, resin, plastic and wood.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the bumper is one of styrene butadiene rubber, polyurethane, polyethylene, silicone, vinyl and thermoplastic elastomer.
14. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the grip is one of rubber, vinyl, foam rubber and foam vinyl.
15. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the bumper is removably coupled to the bumper end via an interference fit of a bumper post of the bumper into a shaft hole of the bumper end.
16. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the grip has a plurality of ribs radiating circumferentially along a longitudinal axis thereof.
17. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the shaft diameter covered by the grip is greater than the shaft diameter at the bumper end.
18. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the shaft diameter transitions between the shaft diameter covered by the grip and the shaft diameter at the bumper end via one of a taper, curve, step and ogee shaped profile.
19. (original) A key pounder, comprising:

a grip disposed about

a shaft which extends between a strap end and a bumper end;

a resilient non-slip bumper coupled to the bumper end;

a slide strap coupled to the strap end;

a stationary strap coupled to the strap end;

a means for adjustable attachment between the slide strap and the stationary strap; and

a connecting strap adapted to removably couple the slide strap to the grip.

20. A key pounder comprising:

a grip having a plurality of ribs radiating circumferentially along a longitudinal axis thereof, the grip disposed about

a shaft which extends between a strap end and a bumper end having an attachment bolt coupled to the shaft end which retains the grip upon the shaft;

the shaft extending between the grip and a bumper end;

a resilient non-slip bumper coupled to the bumper end has an outer diameter equal to or greater than a diameter of the shaft at the bumper end.